

Greenwood

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Friends of Greenwood plant trees to celebrate 10th anniversary

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The Friends of Greenwood Community Forum planted a new woodland copse at Brierley Forest Park, Huthwaite last Monday 17th January to celebrate their 10th anniversary.

The tree planting event was held thanks to a grant from Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme.

Representatives of 15 Friends groups in the Greenwood area each planted a tree in the newly created "Greenwood Grove" at Brierley Forest, the venue for the very first Friends of Greenwood meeting in 2000.

The Forum, co-ordinated by the Greenwood Community Forest Team, is made up of members representing 35 Friends groups who act as the eyes and ears on green spaces and parks within the Greenwood Community Forest.

The Forum began with 10 groups and has built up over the years. They meet near a different green space 4 times a year to share experience and knowledge.

Colin Barson, Chair of the Friends of Greenwood Community Forum since 2004, said: "Brierley Forest Park was the venue for our very first meeting and also a flagship park within the Greenwood Community Forest. When the Forum started we had a handful of dedicated volunteers and as new groups have formed, we have swelled our ranks."

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Coun Richard Butler, Nottinghamshire County Council's cabinet member for environment and sustainability, said he was delighted to help such a proactive and successful group.

He added: "Nottinghamshire is well known for its green spaces and woodland and groups like The Friends of Greenwood help us to maintain that mantle.

"May I also thank the many volunteers who turn out on a regular basis to look after our green spaces and parks and keep them in such wonderful conditions."

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